

Minutes December 20, 2021
Egremont Bylaw Review Committee

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn, Chairwoman (MM)
Richard Allen (RA)
Steve Goodman (SG)
Robert Sandor (RBS)
Richard Slutzky (ROS)
Eileen Vining (EV)

Chairwoman MM called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:07pm; attending members were introduced.

Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2021

Minutes of December 6, 2021 were approved unanimously.

Bylaw 12 Alarms

The Committee will make a request to be placed on a SelectBoard meeting agenda to hear the Selectboard's position on maintaining Bylaw 12 requirements to register alarm systems and pay registration fees. The Committee voiced a preference to eliminate registration and accompanying fees as part of a proposed redraft of Bylaw 12. The Committee, however, does support maintaining penalties for false alarms. RA and RS will explore the viability of proposing language to allow emergency workers to turn off alarm systems. They will look at other municipal bylaws to see if similar language has been included. They will check on the experience of alarm companies in coordinating with local emergency teams to shut off an alarm.

Ice Removal Bylaw

Discussion ensued regarding the pros/cons for a new bylaw assigning responsibility for the timely removal of snow and ice from the new sidewalks being created by the DOT's makeover of Route 23/Main Street, So. Egremont. RA agreed to draft a bylaw in response to the Selectboard's request for such a general bylaw and have it available by the Committee's next scheduled meeting.

After a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted upon unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Slutzky

